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DEATH PLUNGE

'P50-M sendoff gift for Reyes'



REYES: I can't remember.



RABUSA: Cash was very bulky.



GARCIA: I won't be a state witness.



LIGOT: I can't recall that.

Colonel explodes bombshell in Senate

A RETIRED lieutenant colonel yesterday made a surprise appearance in the Senate and disclosed how he and his ex-bosses allegedly amassed wealth, with a large portion of the loot taken from soldiers' salaries.

'Is it plea bargain or a bargain sale in Divisoria of corruption?'

Trillanes vs Reyes: It's payback time



Int'l terrorist named brains of Edsa bus blast

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All-women team vs Dominguezes

By Marlon Ramos and Julie M. Aurelio

JUSTICE Secretary Leila de Lima yesterday named three women prosecutors to the team that would review the charges previously filed against the Dominguez brothers and members of their alleged car theft ring.

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Probe of LTO men in cahoots with car theft gangs ordered

By Paolo G. Montecillo

THE LAND Transportation Office (LTO) has ordered an investigation of all the agency's offices nationwide to ferret out personnel that may be involved in the registration of "hot cars."

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Dam monitoring to be automated

THE DEPARTMENT of Environment and Natural Resources yesterday said it will automate the monitoring of dams to ensure up-to-date monitoring and improve disaster risk reduction management.

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Kristine L. Alave

Aquino gives Tetangco new 6-year term as BSP head



TETANGCO

Doc describes how governor's sister died





Emulate WikiLeaks founder, youth urged

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SLEx sets new round of toll hikes

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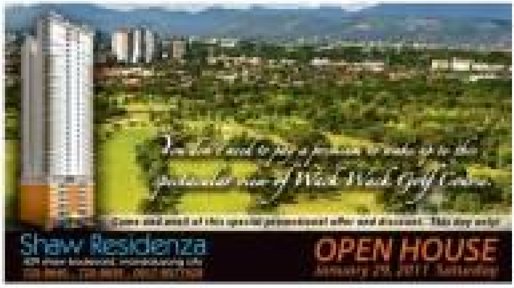
Samsung execs removed from watch list

By Marlon Ramos





BARANGAY ... Batangas, is "Little Italy"



Slice of Italy thrives on Batangas hillside



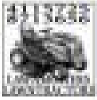
MARKER recognizes the contribution of residents working in Italy.

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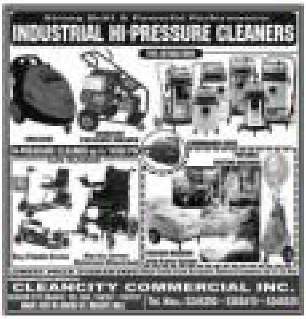
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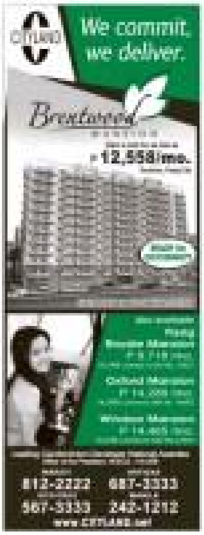
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Privacy issues

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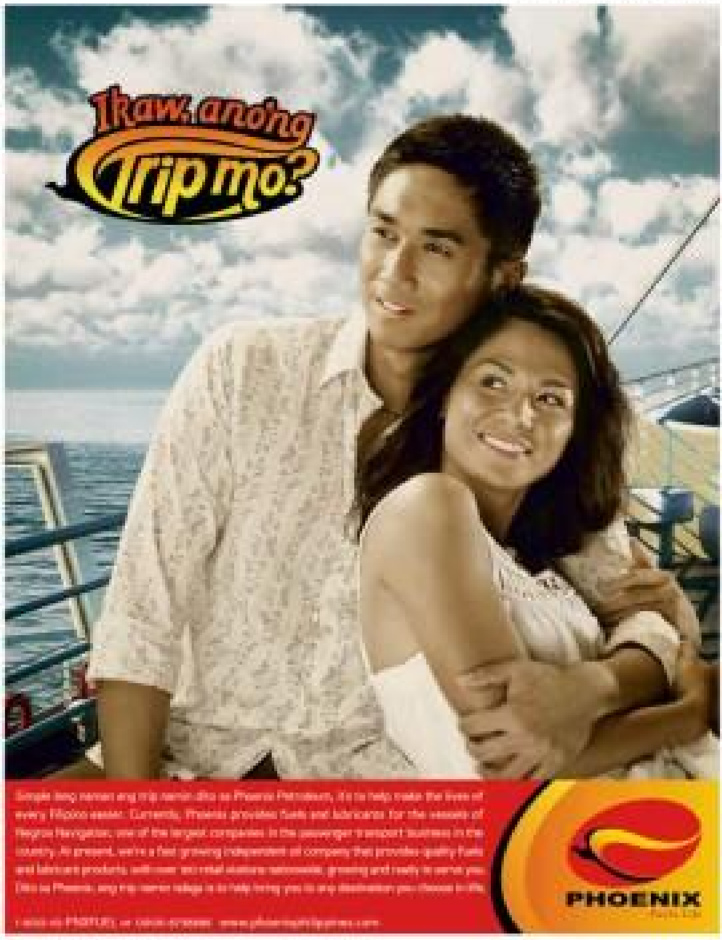
No need for Palace to draft new RH bill–Lagman





Corrections

The Daily Gospel



DOH lifts ban on China milk

By Jerome Aning



ONA

THE DEPARTMENT of Health has lifted the ban that it imposed on milk and milk products from China following the melamine contamination scare that swept the country last year.

Health Secretary Enrique Ona ordered the lifting of the ban after importers and exporters of milk and milk products from China assured the government that their products are melamine-free.

Warranty

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American pedophile deported

By Jerome Aning

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IN THE KNOW: Probed for unexplained wealth

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Congress to study new parameters for the bargain

SC has final say on plea bargain—Merci

No lack of evidence

'We found double reimbursements'



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Trillanes against Reyes: It's payback time



REYES: My honor is at stake.



TRILLANES: What honor?

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Another hired gun

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Nobody enforcing traffic rules on Commonwealth

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PASSION FOR REASON

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Look after the land

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Michael L. Tan

Bedolido not Gov. Cagas' enemy

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Kabayan Noli part of 'silence plot'

P-Noy closed to unsolicited proposals?

Editorial on Evangelista murder case unfair to cops







LONE SURVIVOR Seriously injured Roxel Perez is transferred to Makati Medical Center from Ospital ng Makati. At right, rescuers carry a construction worker on a stretcher.

10 killed in fall from 28th floor

From page A1

Only one worker survived the accident at the 39-storey premium residential condominium undergoing construction on Gallardo Street in Legaspi Village. He identified himself to responding firemen as Roxel Perez, 23. Earlier he was rushed to Ospital ng Makati, where the other victims were taken.

Guillermo Torres, project manager, said it was initially difficult to determine from which floor the gondola originated. "Only the survivor could give an accurate account on where they actually came from."

Dead on the spot were Joel Abadilla, Gilbert Mallorong, Michael Tinlonghari, Kevin Dalisinghe, Ron Umandal, Romuel Perez, Myron Piñon, William Fabro, Jojilo Lapada and Jeffrey Dionido, according to SPO2 Cesar Mercado of the Makati Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP).

Mercado said the gondola was carrying more than its capacity of two persons at the time of the accident at lunch break.

Overloaded

"According to an eyewitness account, the workers took the gondola instead of taking the stairs during their lunch time. However, since the platform can only carry a few workers, the cable snapped," Eton said in a statement.

Donny Villanueva, a driver at a neighboring building, said he saw the gondola as it was hurtling down.

"It dropped so fast. They were all crammed inside. They were probably hitching a ride down for lunch," Villanueva said.

The witness, food stall attendant, 34, Mary Ann Cortez, said the gondola hit the seventh floor with a terrible sound—"so loud I thought the building had collapsed."

"I started to scream, too, as passersby pointed and shrieked, 'Saklolo, ano nangyari?' 'Help those people!'," Cortez said.

When she stepped out from her stall, she saw two bodies hanging from the debris.

Cortez said work on the construction site had been going on for a year and there was only one major accident. "Last year, a steel bar fell on a car, but no one was hurt," she said.

Broken limbs

FO1 Jomer Armamos, one of the BFP rescuers, said the victims—all glass installers of Ado Aluminum—had broken limbs and bloodied heads.

"Six victims were piled up on the debris and the victims' ... Two were sprawled on the floor below it. Three victims were found on the edge of the eighth floor," Armamos said in Filipino.

SPO2 Pacsito Bemunong of the BFP-Emergency Medical Services said Perez, the lone survivor, had a dislocated shoulder. "There was blood on his head, and coming out of his nose," said Bemunong, who still had blood on his gloves.

It took rescuers at least two hours to retrieve all the bodies. Three hours after the accident, the red gondola, upturned and broken, could still be seen suspended on the seventh floor.

Eton spokesperson Kevin de Pedro later arrived at the construction site and read the company's statement.

"Our hearts go out to the victims' families. Eton Properties would like to assure the public that the company is doing all it can to ensure that Eton and its contractor extend all necessary assistance to the victims," De Pedro said.

Safety investigation

When informed by the media that the city engineer's office had ordered the stoppage of the construction, De Pedro said: "We have yet to talk to our engineer about that, but we will cooperate with any investigation by the government."

Mercado identified the contractor as DS Construction. The project was under manager Cheldee Torres, he said.

De Pedro entered the building with the Department of Labor and Employment occupational safety engineer, who had come to inspect the site for safety regulation violations.

The spokesperson stressed that Eton placed a premium on safety and enforced strict safety regulations in all its construction projects.

But due to the accident, Eton is reviewing the compliance of its contractors and construction management consultant to these safety regulations, De Pedro said.

"Eton, its contractors and construction management consultant are cooperating with public authorities and the city engineer's office as they investigate the cause of this accident. In the meantime, the company's priority is to ensure that the victims' families are informed and extended needed assistance by the contractor," De Pedro said.

Palace sympathies

Makati Mayor Jejomar Erwin Binay ordered work at the site suspended "until we are sure that the workers there are safe."

"We extend our sympathies to the families of those who were tragically killed in the accident. Nobody would like an accident like this to happen, even the owners of the building," said presidential spokesperson Edwin Lacierda.

The labor department said it had sent inspectors to the Eton site to investigate compliance with safety standards.

"We'll see if the accident that happened was related to the conduct of their work and if the construction firm is liable," said Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz.

Lucio Tan Group

The company's website describes Eton as the global real estate arm of the Lucio Tan Group and a sister company of Philippine National Bank and Philippine Airlines. It says the company also has operations in Beijing, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

The Philippines, particularly Metro Manila, has been experiencing a construction boom since last year, boosted by low interest rates, the huge amount of foreign remittances from 9 million Filipinos working abroad and the need for more office space to accommodate the country's growing outsourcing industry. *With reports from Christine O. Avendaño, Jolene Anong, Doris C. Dumlao, Mike Moreno and AP*



300 marshals riding shotgun on buses

Int'l terrorist named brains of Edsa bus blast, says PNP intel officer

Mang Salus won't see only daughter march in April graduation



US judge affirms $353-M fine on Imelda, Bongbong



FIREWORKS light up the skies for the University of Santo Tomas' quadricentennial celebration on Wednesday night.

UST graced with 3 papal visits



UST RECTOR Magdaleno Rolando V. de la Rosa, OP: It's a singular blessing.

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Only one in Asia

Second in history

Lorenzo Ruiz beatified

Special rights

Quadricentennial unveiled



DELIGHT University of Santo Tomas students light candles during the school's celebration on Wednesday night.

Across the NATION

Albay close to losing power supply

Province owes suppliers P1B in electric bills

LEGAZPI CITY—Albay is facing disconnection from its lone source of electricity for the failure of its power distributor to pay more than P1 billion in electric bills.

Feb. 1 cutoff

High power rates



TOUGH WALK

Cebu City to make bid to host 22nd Ad Congress

Bacolod court convicts DILG officer of 'estafa'

Clashes continue between NPA, Army in Mindanao

7 women blaze trail for Cordillera reforestation bid

PEOPLE





STAYING AFLOAT

Iloilo newspaper publisher attacked in front of office

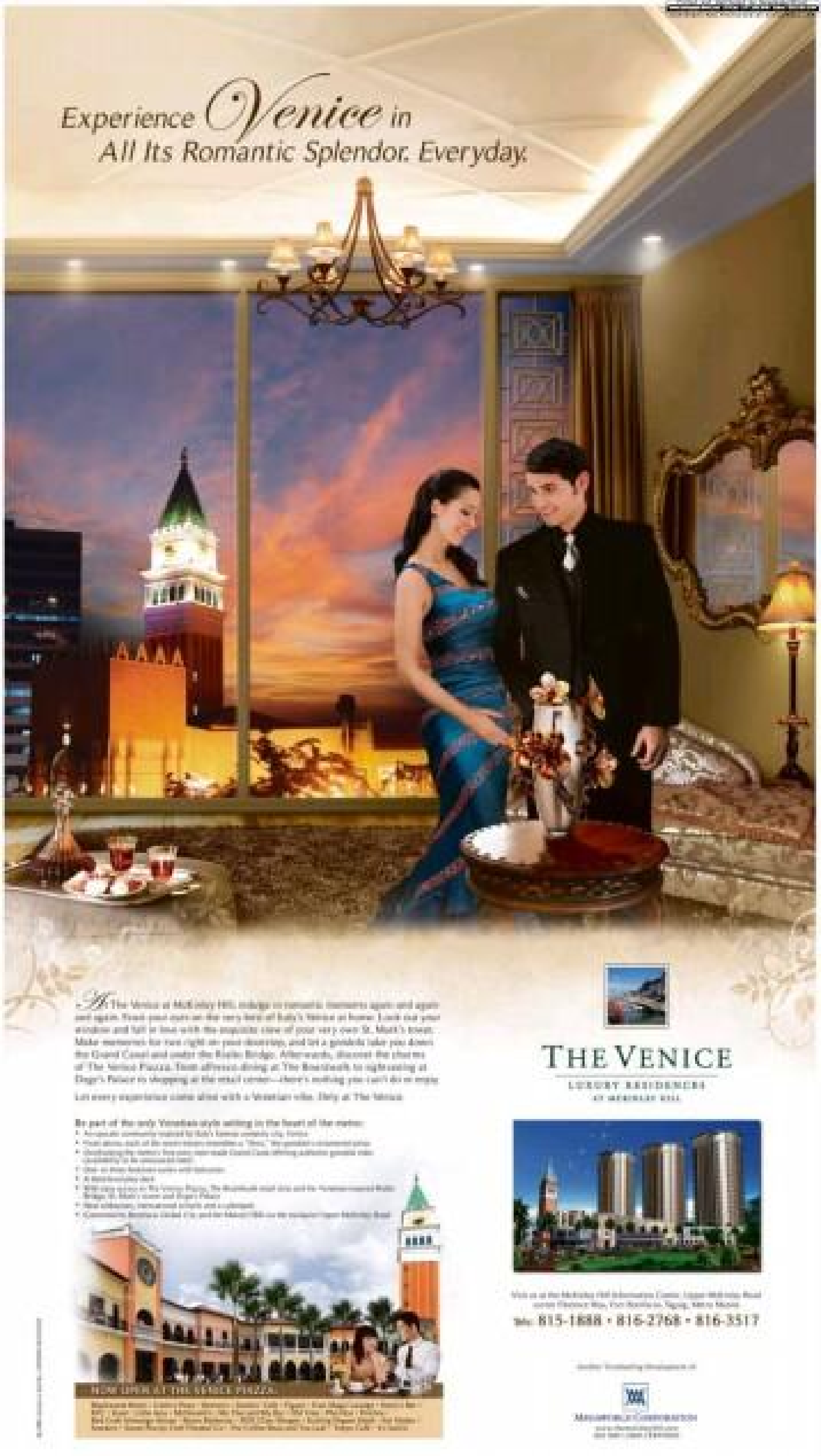
By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

More Chinese seen coming over to learn English

Call begins Army relief drive for Bicol



SOLDIERS load relief goods into trucks at the Southern Luzon Command in Camp Nakar for distribution to victims of recent floods throughout the Bicol region.


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Mystery woman faces raps

By Tina G. Santos

AUTHORITIES will file charges today against the woman suspected of delivering the gift-wrapped box containing grenades that killed a housewife in Taguig City last month.

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Vital to investigation

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SPOT CHECKS [illegible]



Cops question couple nabbed with 'hot' car

By Nancy C. Carvajal

A COUPLE believed to be members of a gang which sells and buys "hot" cars were apprehended yesterday after they were caught with a stolen vehicle.

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SPEED LIMIT ENFORCERS

Traffic enforcers of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) watch out for motorists who violate the 60-kph speed limit on Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City.

Bomb threats keep police on their toes

By Jeannette I. Andrade, Nancy C. Carvajal and Tina G. Santos

BOMB threats phoned in yesterday morning kept explosive experts of the Manila and Quezon City Police District busy checking the veracity of the calls.

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'Extremist group'

[illegible]

Abandoned package

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METROBRIEFS

Girl's body found in Pasig River

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Jeannette I. Andrade

Noisemakers face sanctions in Marikina

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Worker killed in freak accident

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Jeannette I. Andrade

TV network worker loses P3M to swindler

By Jeannette I. Andrade

A TELEVISION network employee reportedly lost around P300,000 worth of cash and jewelry to a woman believed to be a member of a gang of swindlers in Manila.

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Caller's instructions

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Maid confesses

[illegible]

Manila City gov't wants to go solar

By Jeannette I. Andrade

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NEW SPORT

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The WORLD

Tunisia-inspired protests in Egypt threaten Mubarak

CAIRO—Thousands of Egyptians have vented their rage against President Hosni Mubarak's autocratic government for two straight days of protests that defied a ban on public gatherings. Baton-wielding police responded with tear gas and beatings in a crackdown that has shown no tolerance for dissent.



Arizona shooter researched assassins on Internet



JARED Lee Loughner

Breast implants linked to rare cancer —US panel

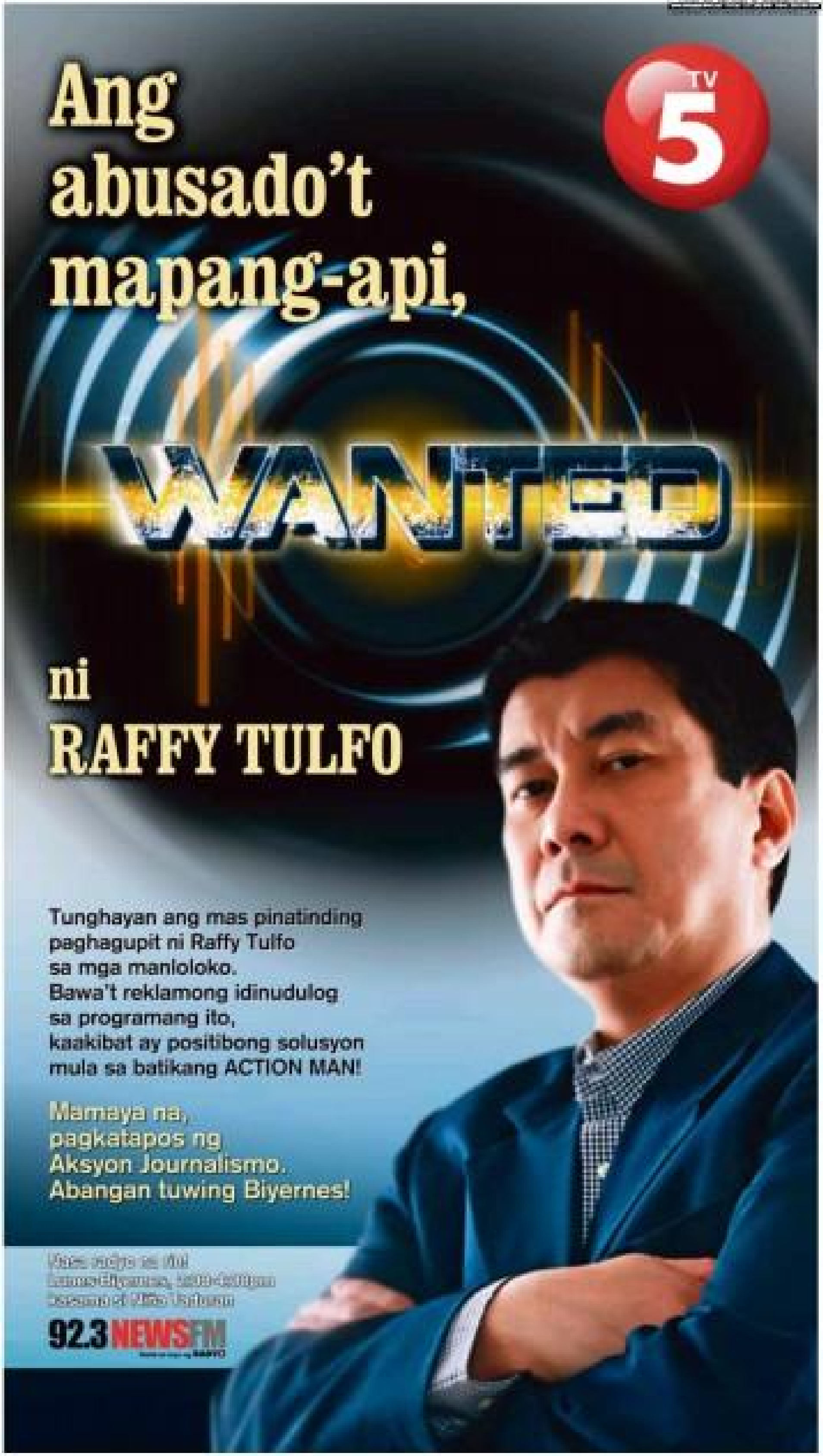
No respite: New snowstorm hits US Northeast



Researchers foresee day of bomb-sniffing plants

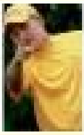


Muslim population growth outpaces non-Muslims'



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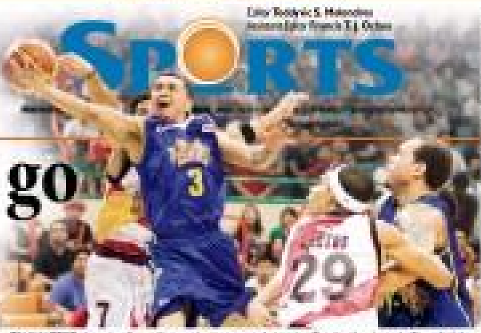
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■ Racela named PH youth coach, sets tryouts
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Texters go for 3-0 cushion



TALK 'N TEXT playmaker Jimmy Alapag tries to plot up a shot against ... in Game 2 of the Philippine Cup championship series Wednesday night.

So still leads after a draw

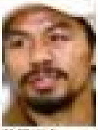
MisOr pugs bag overall Abap crown

Que seizes lead with 71



ANGELO QUE: Overstretched

Pacquiao didn't know about switch to Showtime



PACQUIAO

Azkals open Bacolod training camp

SPORTSWATCH

PCSO boxing on weekend

HK Dart Open qualifiers

MCC Kiddies chess tomorrow

PACE, NCA launch chess tilt

Getting out of a hole one hand at a time

ONE GAME AT A TIME



Nat'l drag racing series resumes Saturday

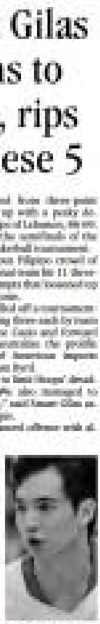


Racela named PH youth coach, sets tryouts



Patriots sweep Dragons, gain ABL finals slot

Smart Gilas returns to semis, rips Lebanese 5



Can coach Ato Agustin also kick butts?

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad





Lorenzo, Manotoc top Sta. Elena Cup

Ramos-Victor Corp Badminton Cup slated

SPORTS



Djoko ousts Federer

Clijsters, Li to dispute women's crown

Briton ends Jeson run in q'finals

Nagging elbow injury pushes Henin into 2nd retirement

Durant fires 47, leads Thunder past T'wolves

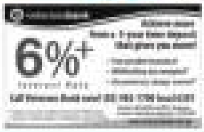


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Perfect 10 for Xavier cagers

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Economy expected to grow by 5.2% in '11

Hike in key rates may take place in fourth quarter

DUTCH FINANCIAL giant ING Bank expects the Philippine economy to grow by 5.2 percent in 2011, while inflation remains benign. This in turn will allow the central bank to defer a hike in key interest rates until late this year.

INDICATORS

PESO-DOLLAR RATE

44.170



STOCK MARKET

58.85



Stocks close up on capital gains tax news

Regulator won't yield to pressure to reduce SDA interest rate



DOE seeks better access to fuel import numbers

MWC plans P10-B loan for capex

Ayala unit opens WB-funded plant



P-NOY AT PBSP President Benigno S. Aquino III talks shop with PLDT chair Manuel V. Pangilinan during the 40th foundation of the Philippine Business for Social Progress held at Grand Ballroom in Dusit Thani Manila, Makati City.

Wrigley Company Foundation Expands Global Impact with New Health Development Programs

$3 Million (USD) Dedicated to Health Initiatives with Save the Children in China, Kenya, the Philippines, Tajikistan, Vietnam and Indonesia

Philippine agriculture and fisheries 2025

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SSS embarks on new amnesty program

DTI makes trade registration cheaper, easier

Gov't move seen to encourage startups, generate more jobs

Even forest stewards oppose log ban

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Second phase of Ayala Center dev't



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Insular's new business premiums up

Pure Foods' share offering OKd

By Doris C. Dumlao

No free ride on tax breaks



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Vista Land spending ₱7B for medium-rise buildings

Projects carry new brand

Phoenix earnings jumped 140% in '10 to ₱427M

JG Summit plans to raise up to ₱40B

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Marketing strategy and brand management —key areas of competitiveness

Brands stand the test of time with generations of loyal consumers

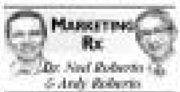
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What makes a brand

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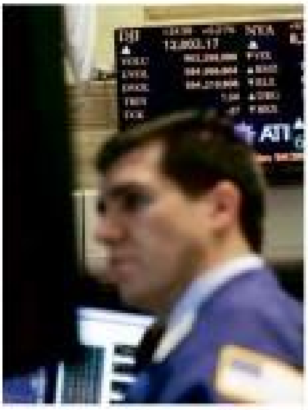


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Outlook for 2011 brightening, survey says

Top economists turn bullish on global economy

Asian stocks rise on US Fed move; dollar slips



Supermarket firms fight for stake in SEAsia mart

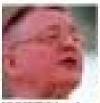
UST at 400



'A national treasure...a classic university'

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NUNCIO Edward Adams

Vatican declares 2011 as UST Jubilee Year

By Cliff Harvey C. Venzon

The UST Varsitarian



POPE Benedict XVI



Expo highlights Thomasian business leaders, top brands



Prominent Alumni

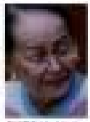
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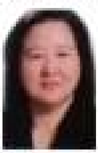


IBM's big boss

Fast-food mogul

VIVIAN QUE-AZCONA OF MERCURY DRUG

Business and service to the people based on Thomasian values



VIVIAN Que-Azcona

'A national…



SIMBAHAYAN launched in Tagaytay City with a Mass presided by UST alumni bishops and priests on Aug. 18, 2010.



UST alumni gather for Simbahayan meeting in the Visayas last Jan. 8, 2011. UST alumni bishops, such as Capiz Archbp. Onesimo C. Gordoncillo and Bishop Jose F. Advincula.

'Simbahayan' ignites Thomasian fire for charity and service



ARCHITECTURE students and faculty at a Gawad Kalinga site.



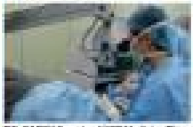
SIMBAHAYAN meeting in the Visayas with Jaro Archbishop Angel Lagdameo.

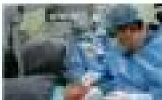


Thomasian doctors, Buddhist Tzu Chi foundation provide mass cataract services



UST Medical Missions, its pioneering medical outreach.





UST: Pioneer of science education in the Philippines

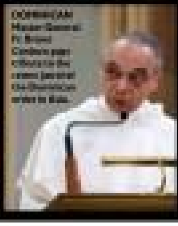
The UST Medical Missions is the biggest of its kind, with its army of doctors, nurses, paramedic personnel and even priests and nuns providing Catholic health-care to poor Filipinos across the land



FAÇADE of the old UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery.

Nation, Church, and world toast UST's 400th year









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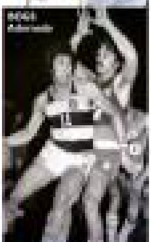
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STYLE Fashion & Beauty

Pinay Supermodel–‘the new definition of beauty’–knows what she’s getting into

Her ‘mixed look’ immediately landing her in 19 shoots, Danica Magpantay now believes school can wait

THE PROBLEM with past winners of Ford Models’ Supermodel of the World contest was that homesickness overcame them, and they returned home before ever making a name in New York City.



Dining Guide

Super Bowl of China
South Wing, Main Mall
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Hong Kong Emperor Seafood Restaurant
2nd Level, Entertainment Mall
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Pinay Supermodel—'the new definition . . .

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is written in blogs, social networking sites and other media.)

Magpantay, who turned 16 this week, is the first Filipina to bag the title.

"You know, these models, they're young, 14, 16, and they go back home directly after winning. What Ford wants is they should be available to work here," Espino said via Skype on Tuesday morning (Monday night in New York).

"Sand it all out to Danica. I also reminded Lala (Flores, Magpantay's mother). I asked if they're prepared, and they agreed."

Espino pointed out that another Filipina, Charlotte Dianco, last year's runner-up, had already made as much as the grand prize winner "because she stayed on to work."

$150,000 contract

The coveted Supermodel title comes with a $250,000 modeling contract with Ford Models, which has represented the likes of Christie Brinkley, Elle Macpherson and Alek Wek. As runner-up, Abramova won a $100,000 contract.

Magpantay, a visual communications major at the University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts, wrapped up her first official work day at Ford on Monday.

She said school would have to wait. "I know what I was getting into," she said, sounding shy. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. But I also know that you can get an education not only from the classroom. I'm prepared."



MAGPANTAY (center) with runners-up Kristina Gromovaite of Lithuania (left) and Zaluza Bronczyk of Poland. For 2010 Supermodel, the runners-up weren't ranked, and only three were picked from the five finalists.



WITH JOEY Espino, executive producer of Supermodel Philippines and president of CalCurtis's, and (far right) Agnes Penarias, worldwide head scout of Ford Models





FAB Rowland, head of Ford Models, with Espino at the Ford New York office during the final judging

On her first day, they did a shoot to build her book. She and the runners-up are also being prepped for New York Fashion Week, which begins in a few days.

The young student is a greenhorn in modeling. She had not done modeling before last year's Philippine Fashion Week, also produced by Espino's outfit.

Unique

Lala Flores had brought him her daughters Danielle and Danica last year, expressing their desire to follow in their mom's footsteps. Flores, an Espino discovery herself, won the local Supermodel title in 1990. (She's now a leading makeup artist.)

The two girls had to undergo training at Espino's Masters School for Models.

"I instantly saw something in Danica that's quite unique. She fits the bill of what Ford has been calling the 'new definition of beauty,' which is a 'mixed' look that represents the whole world," Espino said.

"Half of her face looks Asian, and the other half is multiethnic, Afro-centric," he added affectionately referring to the tiny princess.

Danica bagged the local title in October; her older sister was a finalist.

Rowland's interest

At the final judging in NY last week, unlike in previous years when each country sends its representative to the global contest, Ford Models brought in only five finalists—Espino noted Ford Rowland's keen interest in Magpantay.

Rowland, the new head of Ford Models, kept saying, "She's beautiful," according to Espino.

After the screening, Rowland invited Espino and Magpantay to his office, where he took more photos of the young woman, even using his phone. This boosted Espino's confidence in his charge's chances. Rowland is credited for building the careers of Kate Moss and Carolyn Murphy, Espino added.

While she was not the tallest girl at 5'8½", the Ford execs noted that Magpantay is well-proportioned. They were impressed with her book, the one that was hastily put together shortly after her October win. (She was immediately booked for 19 photo shoots.) They, however, cited her need to develop a strong walk, which Almasan notably had.

"It felt like a normal day," the soft-spoken Magpantay said of her first day at Ford. "Not I'm excited!" Like Abramova and Chiara Bronczyk, [illegible] are housed in Ford's model dormitory.

"I've always wanted to try modeling. My dad told me right away that it was my mom who reminded us that the job entails giving up a lot of things. She warned us about rejection. But we also learned from modeling school that rejection doesn't mean you're not beautiful. It only means your look doesn't fit their requirement for that project."



RUNNER-UP Kristina Gromovaite of Lithuania being prepped for her snapshot

Danielle, her older sister, is "extremely happy for me," she added. "There's no sibling rivalry between us. We're very close."

Espino has other plans for Danielle, including possibly working the Asian modeling circuit. CalCurtis's has sister agencies in other Asian cities.

Magpantay's win is a major validation for model-maker Espino's longtime efforts. "I've always believed that a Filipina would win," he said.

As long as Filipinas have an open mind, are responsible, and willing to take the chance, "if you have what it takes," the world will open its arms, he noted. "The Philippines is part of the global map. There should be no inferiority complex. We should change our perspective."

As for Magpantay making good on her commitment to her contract, Espino said, "Ford has always found the Filipina dependable."



"DANICA, Rowland kept saying she's beautiful," recalls Espino of his ward.

LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty

Sharon admits she got 'tired of being laughed at'



BIRTHDAY girl Sharon Cuneta, who has lost close to 30 pounds and a total of 24 inches, could become Marie France's "biggest" loser.

By Alex Y. Vergara



GUCCI. [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] colorful [illegible] purple.



PHILOSOPHIA. A fresh take on sportswear. Sporty cuts with sleeves in different colors.



ETRO. Known for its prints, the collection merges tribal with urban images.

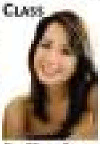


JIL SANDER. A colorblocking palette with glamorized fit [illegible]. Using taffeta called Engineer Fabric and high-tech gabardine [illegible].

YSL inspires the Milan collections

The Italians channel the French fashion icon, while covering everything in blazing bright colors

THE WORKING CLASS



[illegible], Contributor

DESPITE THE schedule for Milan's Pret-a-Porter Spring/Summer 2011 shows being extended to six days, they were still packed and late. Collection shows in spaces owned by the brand make for cumbersome travel. Other shows staged in remote venues had the audience competing with traffic.

And again, bright tones, vivid hues and vitamin colors of hot-pink, lemon-yellow, turquoise, purple and orange blazed on the runway. Designers [illegible] a lot of energy.

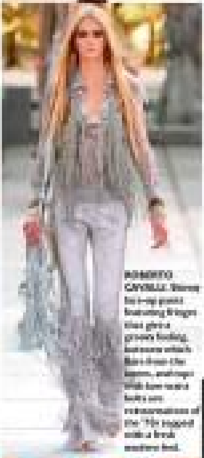
The '70s spirit and sportswear led the trends. Fashion's patron master Yves Saint Laurent was the inspiration — [illegible] jumpsuits, safari jackets and printed looks were given a twist of modernity. Notable versions were by Gucci, Etro and Emilio Pucci.

Marni, Prada, Bottega Veneta and Jil Sander aimed for comfort and practicality, following a cozy urban manner.

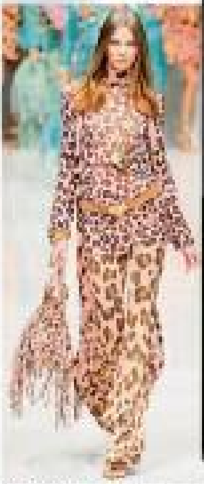
Patterns were stripes, dots and floral and geometric prints. Color blocking was prominent, along with zipper details. Here to stay: lightweight stretch and mesh fabrics.

Silhouettes were both close to the body and fluid. Pants leaned toward [illegible] styles.

Large-framed sunglasses and wide-brimmed hats were popular accessories.



ROBERTO CAVALLI. Skinny hip-up pants featuring fringes that give a groovy feeling, between which flairs from the sleeves, and tops with low-waist belts are reinterpretations of the '70s hipped with a fresh modern feel.



BLUMARINE. Animal prints in pastel tones with a '70s classic, low-waists with belts, [illegible] and caftans.



EMPORIO ARMANI. Just when you think the typical Armani look has been exhausted, you see a series of knee-length slim skirts in [illegible]. Bravo!



BIBLOS. Sporty and cool, combining ease of wear with functionality in colors that beat the heat.

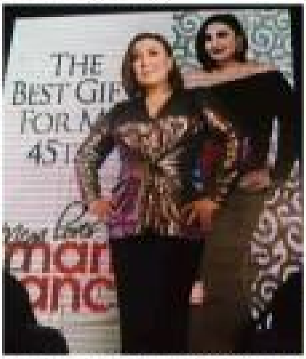


FENDI. Clashes with [illegible] in stripes — riots of color and geometric influence.



MOSCHINO. Graphic energy of bold dots, stripes and gingham in [illegible] red, white and blue!





Sharon admits she got 'tired of being laughed at'

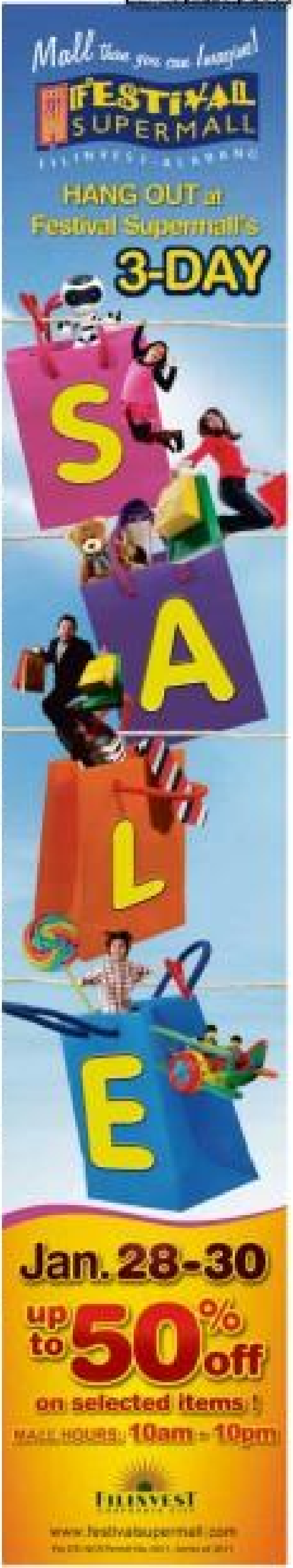
After years of battling the bulge, the Megastar has finally shed pounds as the new endorser of Marie France. Now, even husband Kiko is 'enjoying my body,' she reveals



CUNETA



PHOTO EXHIBIT WINNER





Menswear rediscovers the spiced-up power suit

'Mad Men' generation goes double-breasted, round-shouldered, in mustard and saffron

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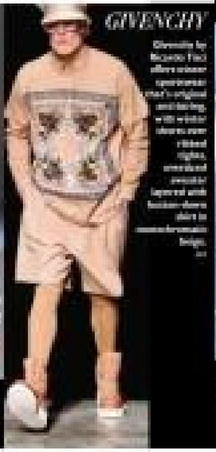

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LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty

'Speak out to your partner so he respects you'–Reese Witherspoon

Actress launches 'Avon Believe World Tour'

HOW DO you raise strong and confident daughters and sons respectful to women? By talking to them, according to actress Reese Witherspoon.

"It's important to instill in them the idea that it's very important to respect women, and for a woman to speak out to her partner [so that he] respects you," Witherspoon said, speaking via phone patch from Atlanta, Georgia, on Tuesday.

The Oscar-winning actress was at the kick-off of the 10-city 'Avon Believe World

AVON C3



Valentine gifts that transcend time and trends

THIS VALENTINE'S, Bulgari offers a selection of gift ideas from the Spring-Summer 2011 collection, extra luxury pieces that should transcend time and trends.

From the handbag collection are men's travel and messenger bags in the

VALENTINE C3



SERPENTI double-row pink gold watch with round brilliant-cut diamonds













Valentine gifts that transcend time and trends









BULGARI Save the Children ring in silver and black ceramic



'Speak out to your partner so he respects you'—Reese Witherspoon

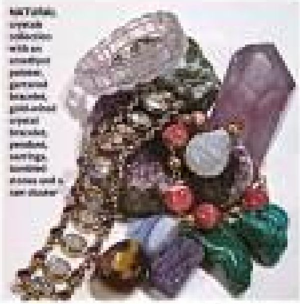


$1 million fund

1 of 3 women



Economic opportunity







A skeptic discovers the healing power of crystals

I collect amethysts because they're 'calming' crystals that allow for a more restful sleep–and I was no stranger to stress and insomnia









A primer on crystals





Rbian Ramos is Cinderella's latest endorser





ORGANIZERS drew inspiration from New York City to come up with vignettes like this one.

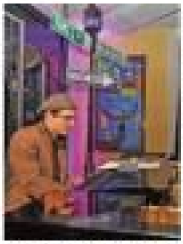


Social networking goes super high-speed



By Alex T. Vergara

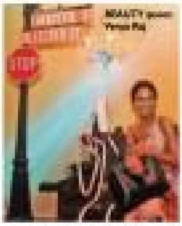
WITH THE latest high-speed broadband connection, you don't have to spend an eternity downloading, say, a new song or even a full-length HD movie. Kids can now play online games without hampering Wi-Fi speed, while you read online news or connect with friends on Facebook.



LIVE music like a typical piano bar in the Big Apple

Globe's speedy new Tattoo Torque broadband service is launched with a New York-themed party at endorser Tessa Valdes' home









LIVING room turns into Broadway.



DINING room is styled to channel New York Chinatown.



PWU alumni homecoming set

WHAT'S UP

Zodiac forum at Yuchengco

Traditional Christmas celebration

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KAREN de Venecia, Marilou Chavez..., Mimi Ho Abalos, man of the hour "Ipe" Cruz and sisters, Rep. Gina de Venecia, Bibi Yu and Pinky Manasco



CHICHO Barrios, Abbie Mapa, Ipe Cruz, Issa Lim, Marga Valdez and TJ Trinidad; (seated) Eli Antonino, Glenn and Jamie Harris, Yong Libunjao and Nicole de Castro

Intimate 'despedida' for former Manila party boy



WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen powered by MAC [illegible]

PHILLIP "IPE" Cruz III, eldest son of Rep. Gina Perez de Venecia of Pangasinan, had jetted into town for the holiday season from New York, where he has been based after finishing a master's degree in publishing at New York University.

After spending New Year in Boracay with his family, he was given a farewell bash by his mom at the De Venecias' sprawling home in South Forbes in Makati. The guest list to the intimate dinner was specially chosen by Ipe. "I wanted it to be a real get-together with my close friends, some of whom I hadn't seen while I was there," he told me. (Ladies, we had bumped into each other in Boracay, pity-pat.)

Among his pals who attended the party were renowned [illegible] Rajo Laurel, handsome [illegible] TV actor TJ Trinidad, with his ladylove, [illegible] Marga Valdez; Andrew Gan; Jamie Harris; plus close family friends like [illegible] Sy-Coson of BDO; Phillip Co-Unjieng of ABS-CBN; and Metro [illegible] editor in chief Raul Manzano.

Before he left for his studies abroad, Ipe had been a well-respected magazine publisher and lifestyle columnist. In fact, he had served as associate publisher of ABS-CBN Publishing Inc.

With all his gang gathered under one roof, the happening lasted till, as always, [illegible] Cinderella's bedtime, dahlings.

Fashion fest at Greenbelt

The holiday season ain't gone yet, dahlings. There's the Chinese New Year just around the corner, close by is Valentine's, then there's school prom and graduation day, plus goodness knows what follows, dahlings.

In that lifestyle and shopping destination, Greenbelt, has reached new heights by providing world-class shopping experience with "Greenbelt Style," a festival of creations by international fashion labels and established Filipino designers, and popular homegrown brands in Fashion Walk of Greenbelt 5.

The first two days of the festival featured Filipino designs and the elegant creations of Vic Barba, Charina Sarte, Aureus Solito, Arnel Papa, [illegible], Gwen Cosejo, Veronica Mario, Lulu Tan Gan for [illegible], [illegible], Myth, featuring Randy Ortiz, [illegible], Francis Libiran, Joel Escober and Chris Diaz, Bessie Besana's [illegible] and Mich Dulce.

This section of the festival closed with grand finale from Bayo, Kashieca, Bery, ... , Jewelmer and Religioso, all housed at the second floor Filipino Zone of Greenbelt 5.

The third day was at Greenbelt 3, with fashion brands Topshop, Topman, Gap, Fiona, Madison, [illegible], Nine West, Steve Madden, Aldo, [illegible], Charles & Keith, Nike, [illegible], Adidas, [illegible], Tommy Hilfiger, Springfield and, one of my favorite shopping places, Celio, doing their thing, pahlinggas.

Hosted by Bianca Valerio, the festival exuded an energetic and youthful vibe. With festival partner American Express, it raised a lot of [illegible], along with flowing wine and fine cocktails, giving everyone a reason to shop the Greenbelt style, dahlings.

Scent palace

Most scents evoke the individuals who wear them, perfume is an art in itself. So I dashed over for a quick sniff of what the Art of Scent had to offer when it opened its flagship store at Resorts World's ground floor.

During the inaugural, we were amused by the Amato String Quartet playing the classic rock sounds of U2, Coldplay, Oasis, Michael Jackson and my fave, Lady Gaga. We nibbled on cocktails and canapés, superbly done by Epicurean Kitchen's young talented chef, [illegible] Zubiri, and enjoyed the endless flow of Bombay Sapphire wine, with tons of white and pink flowers by [illegible] Flowers.

The host, Issa Litton, introduced Art of Scent CEO Ron Jeronimo, whom she called the "Fragrance Prince of the Philippines," together with Mayor Antonino S. Calixto and Charlie Jeronimo who later slid the ribbon-snipping to officially open the doors of the shop.

Stunning beauties Sanya Smith and Christine Gatbonton chose Givenchy Ange Ou Démon Le Secret and Gucci Guilty, respectively, while [illegible] Rosario Herrera chose Nina L'Apogée by Lanvin.

Ambassadors Matthew Lim and Mahesh [illegible] chose Gucci by Gucci Pour Homme and Four Man Sport, respectively.

I stuck to my all-time favorite, the classic Dolce & Gabbana.

Carrying several delightful scents, the store sports a very modern architecture, designed by Gil Coscolluela.

Radio Entertainment's Jun [illegible] stepped up the mood and played Top 40 music to evoke a nostalgic mood and complement the luxury scents all about?

Art of Scent is at G/L Resorts World, Newport City. Call 8[illegible] (ARC Marketing and PR Consultancy), 0917-[illegible] (Celine Gabriel) or 0917-[illegible] (Jinny Ponceca), e-mail [illegible]



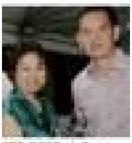
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ANDREW Gan and Raul Manzano



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MIKA Bautista, Issa Lim and Rita Ramos



ELI Antonino, TJ Trinidad, Abbie Mapa and Marga Valdez



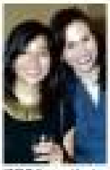
RAJO Laurel belts out a song



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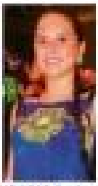
ART of Scent CEO Ron Jeronimo and Megaworld's Kevin Tan



JOEY Calixto and Issa Litton



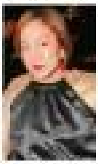
AGILE Zamora in [illegible]



MONICA Bolamato at [illegible] Lifestyle Collection



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ART of Scent's Charlie Jeronimo, Mayor Antonino Calixto and Rich Jeronimo



GREENBELT GM AC Ocampo and fashion designer Vic Barba



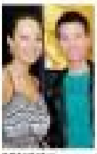
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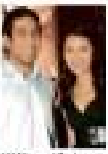
EMI Jorge and Elena Bautista at [illegible]



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ROSARIO Herrera and Erik Coo



MAE Jan and Paulene Chubert



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AYALA Malls' Mitch Hernandez and Leila Lao with BDO's owner Grace Palagonco



URI Singh, Charina Sarte and Bianca Valerio



L MANILA'S Lulu Tan Gan with Sabine Hennell and Jessica Tan Gan

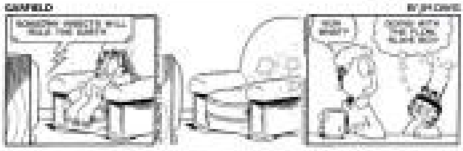


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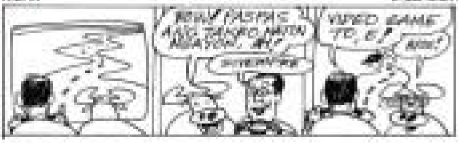


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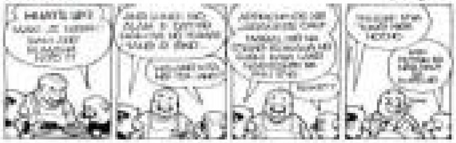
GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



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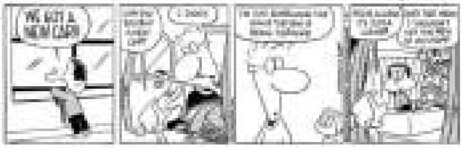


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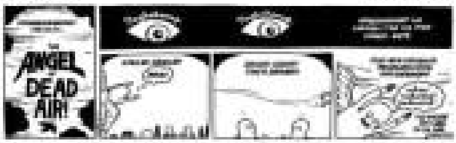




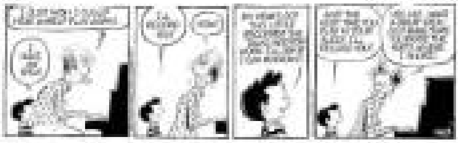
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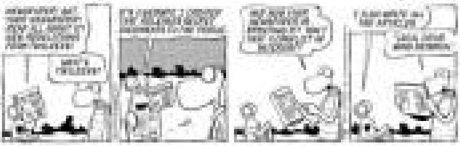


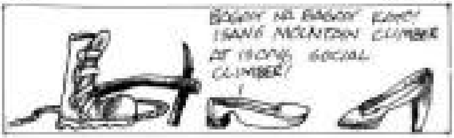
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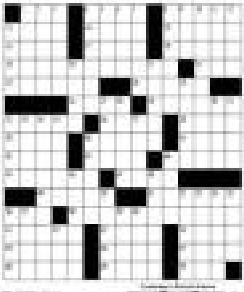
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE





Grown-up glitter

We're loving Deborah Lippmann's sophisticated take on glitter nail polish —and you would, too









Across the Universe

Bad Romance

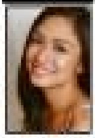
Boom Boom Pow

Today Was A Fairytale

At the gym, clean is definitely beautiful

Problems like bacne, warts, or smelly feet sound nasty, but they do happen

TRICKS OF THE TRADE



Kelly Misa

ENTERTAINMENT

Did You Know

'Chassis' gets second 'X'



Although 'Inception' is among 10 nominees for Best Picture

Oscar snubs 'Dark Knight' Nolan again

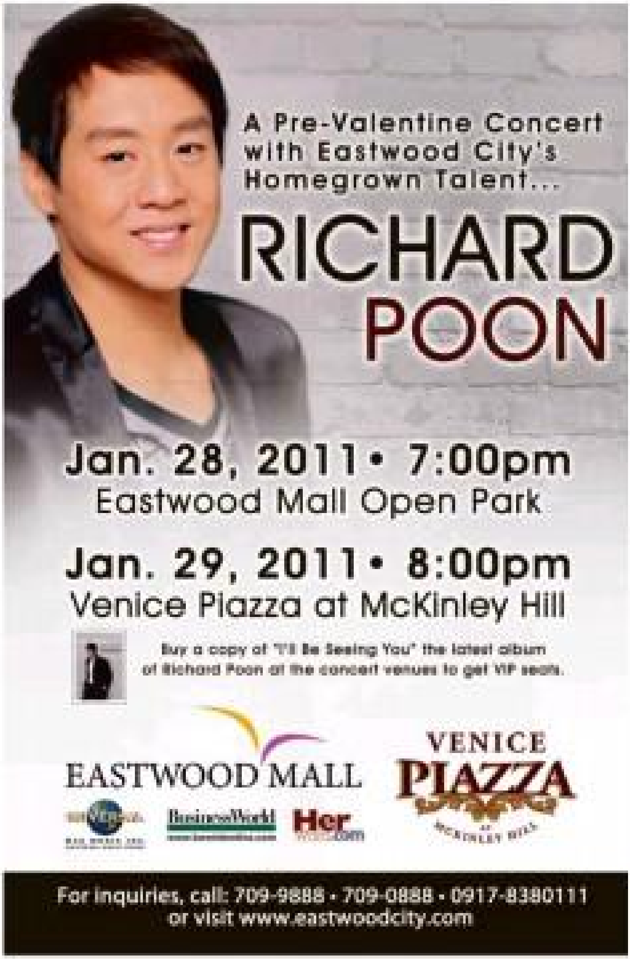


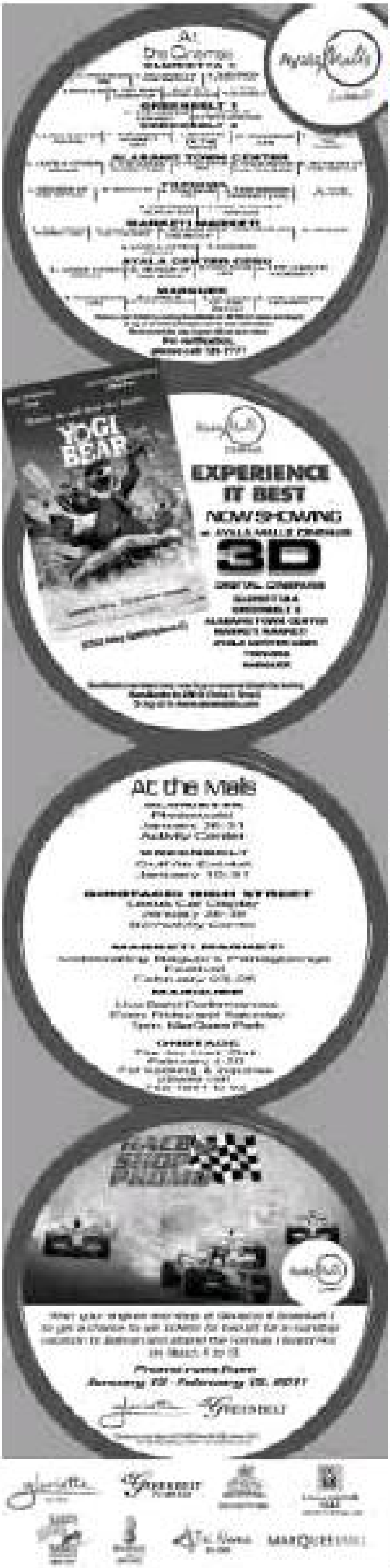








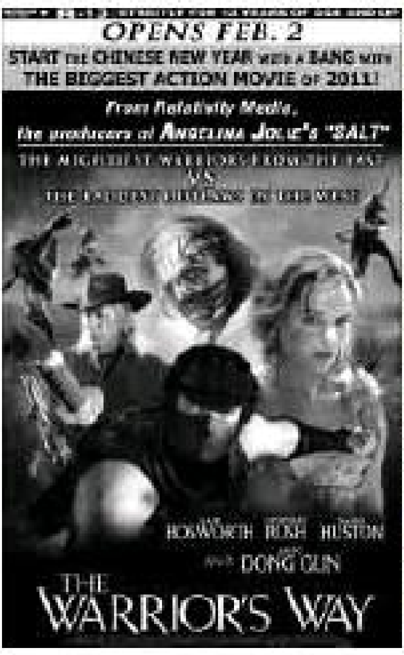




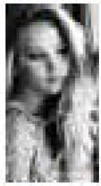
Oscar snubs Chris Nolan...













'King's Speech'


ANDREW Garfield


JULIANNE Moore


RYAN Gosling

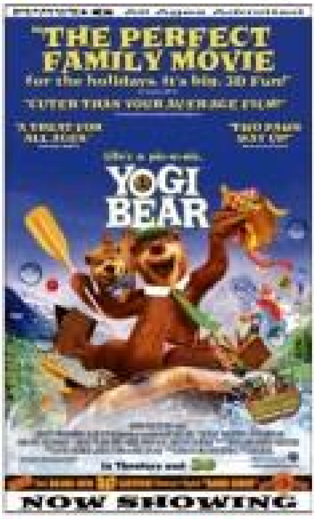
BACK. Reputed by some prognosticators to be nominated were Andrew Garfield in "The Social Network," Julianne Moore in "The Kids Are All Right" and Mila Kunis in "Black Swan." Ben Affleck's "The Town" didn't [illegible] the Best Picture category and [illegible] "Tangled" was booted from the Best Animated Film race by [illegible] "The Illusionist."

NEVER IN THE CONVERSATION. The Oscar race often makes [illegible]. There were many who never caught on with the Academy but nevertheless are among the snubbed: [illegible] and [illegible].

Review

'King's Speech' nothing short of a joy



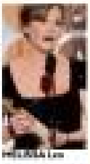


Impeccable acting

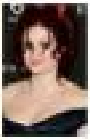
Almost thrilling

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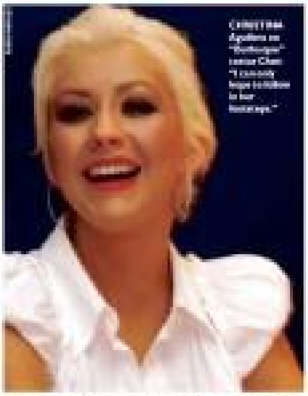






ENTERTAINMENT





New indie film fest a certifiable hit

First Sinung Pambansa in Iloilo draws cinephiles, students

At least 24,000 came to watch 11 featured movies in three days



Star meets legend in movie musical

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD











Kids shouldn't be





New indie film...

Aiza Seguerra at Casin

SHOW TIME



Star meets legend...



made to act like adults

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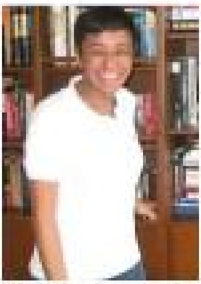
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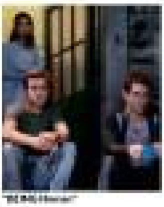
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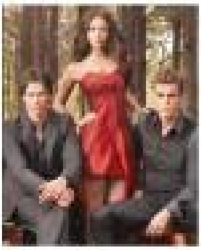
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Vampires vs werewolves



"The Vampire Diaries"

Nick PH